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Typed letter from Elias Baker to Anna Clemson, 1863 December 24

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Alleghany Furnace

Near Altoona, Pa.

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Dec. 24 1863.

My dear Madam:

I have just returned from Hollidaysburg this evening where I had business to day that had to be attended to and have not been there since I last saw Mr. Blair of which I informed you but once about a fortnight ago when I went in with the Carriage for Ma & Anna and was then not out of the Carriage.

Mr. Blair has not started to Washington yet. He has been prevented from doing so by the sickness of his brother-inlaw Robt. Lemmon (his sisters Husband) who has been laying very ill for a fortnight past and died yesterday morning & will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. I did not get to see Mr. Blair as he was at his brother-inlaws as I did not like to impose my self there under the circumstances. But one of his students in his Office informed me it was Mr. Blairs intentintion to have gone to Washington some ten days since had it not been for the illness of Mr. Lemmon and that he now would leave in a short time. I mentioned to the Student that I wished him to remind Mr. Blair of his promise to me, that when he arrived in Washington to let you know. he said he would. So I trust he will call to see you and let you know when & where you can see him when he arrives in Washington.

I intend leaving on Monday next for Lancaster where I intend stoping until the day before New Year to try what Electricity or Glavanic Battery will do for my "Rheumatism" as there is a Physician performing wonderfull cures there by it. If

it should prove of any benefit and be necessary to return again after the 1st Jany. I will have to do so until the experiment is fully played out, which I trust will not be many days. I will then return to Philad^{a.} and endeavour to see what can be done in getting a "Truck Farmer" for your place & should I succeed in getting one will go on with him to see the place & make the necessary arrangements by which time you will, I hope have seen Mr. Blair & have all your arrangements made to accompany me home & then proceed to Sandusky.

Should you have occasion to communicate with me previous to my going to your place address me at the "Gerard House" Philad^{a.} as I will be there on the 1st Jany. and before I leave for your place. We here for more than a week past have fine, dry, cold winter weather, without yet any snow but a day or two sleet & rain about a week ago, which has formed a perfect icy foundation difficult to get about without being "Rough Shod" and the Thermometer ranging from 12 to 18 above zero all day for several days past.

Ma & Anna (Sylvester is at Pittsburg) join me in love to your family circle.

Yours truly,

Elias Baker.